IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

MCOM IP, LLC,	
Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:21-CV-00325
V.	
NCR CORPORATION,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendant.	

DEFENDANT NCR CORPORATION'S MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF MCOM IP'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendant NCR Corporation ("Defendant" or "NCR") hereby submits its Motion to Dismiss mCom IP LLC's Amended Complaint ("Motion") under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") 12(b)(6) ("Rule 12(b)(6)") as untimely under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") 15(a)(1)(b) ("Rule 15(a)(1)(b)").

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

mCom's Amended Complaint must be dismissed because it was filed almost two months late, without leave of this court, and without any explanation for its delay. Had mCom wished to amend its original complaint, it needed to do so **21 days** after NCR filed its Answer on June 7, 2021. FRCP 15(a)(1)(B). It did so, instead, on July 29, 2021, **52 days** after the submission of NCR's Answer. Because mCom has not, and indeed cannot, excuse its inordinate delay, the operative complaint in this case remains mCom's Original Complaint, and no relief can be granted upon the claims set forth in its Amended Complaint. NCR is therefore entitled to the dismissal of

mCom's Amended Complaint¹.

II. **ARGUMENT**

mCom's Amended Complaint, filed 52 days after NCR's Answer, expressly violates FRCP

Rule 15 (a). FRCP Rule 15(a) requires that such amendments be filed "within 21 days after service

of a responsive pleading." FRCP 15(a)(1)(B); see Mcvea v. Bexar County, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS

97048 at *2-3 (E.D. Tex. August 30, 2011) ("The amendment was untimely as to the Hospital

because the Hospital answered the original complaint on April 14, 2011, and the amended

complaint was filed more than 21 days later."). Otherwise, FRCP 15(a) requires mCom to seek

leave of Court to file an amended complaint. FRCP 15(a)(2). At this stage of the litigation, mCom

may amend its Complaint "only" with "the court's leave" or with NCR's written consent. Because

it has requested neither, and has not even attempted to excuse its delay, the operative Complaint

in this case remains mCom's original Complaint, and no relief can be granted upon the claims set

forth in mCom's Amended Complaint. mCom's Amended Complaint must, therefore, be

dismissed.

III. **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, NCR requests that this Court dismiss mCom's untimely filed

Amended Complaint.

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Respectfully submitted,

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1 NCR's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings against mCom's original Complaint is pending before this court. Dkt. 17.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, I hereby certify that all counsel of record who have appeared in this case are being served on this 12th day of August, 2021 with a copy of the foregoing via ECF.

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